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TITUSVILLE, PA.

The Morning Herald

Titusville, Saturday, Sept. 4, 1899.

New Advertisements To-Day

The Peerless Cook Stove - F. W. Ames.

Torpedo and Crevise Searcher

Common Council - Special Meeting.

The Common Council are requested to meet

this morning, at 9 o'clock, for the purpose of

improving the work on Franklin street crossing

of Oil Creek, and adopting plans for the early

completion of the bridge.

Varities

Aaron Smith, of Sugar Grove, Warren county,

committed suicide, last week, by stabbing

himself to the heart.

The Franklin Citizen, while condoling with

Titusville on its weed crop, concedes that Frank

has "gone to grass." Too bad.

The Oil City Times states that Captain J. B.

Geyge is closing up business there preparatory

to removing to St. Louis. Oil City "could better

spare a better man."

The Crawford county Teachers' Institute

will be held at Meadville, November 15th to 19th

inclusive. A Normal Institute will be held at

Bigelow on Monday, Oct. 20th.

The members of the Democratic County

Committee for Titusville are: F. B. Guthrie, 1st

ward; Joseph Gilmore, 2nd ward; J. B. D.

Clark, 3rd ward; W. C. Plummer, 4th ward.

Franklin has a cemetery association, in or

ported by the Court of Common Pleas. A similar

enterprise is needed here, the only place of

interment at present being a private cemetery

and a Potter's Field.

A cattle thief, named W. F. Fimond, ship

ped fifteen head of cattle at Jamestown, Mercer

county, for Erie, last week. The owner of the

cattle, who lived at Baconburg, Ohio, telegraphed

to Justice Throop at Jamestown to arrest the

thief. Edmund was caught at Conneautville, sent

back to Jamestown, and committed to the

Mercer Jail.

The Allegheny Valley Railroad Co. are about

to erect a new and handsome passenger

and freight depot for their road in Venango City,

near the new bridge across the river. It will be

thirty by ninety four feet in size, covered with

a projecting slate roof, and nicely finished

throughout. The station offices of the Compa

ny will also be in the building.

The new time card of the Oil Creek and At

chey River Railway, advertised to take effect

on Monday next, gives general dissatisfaction

along the creek. It materially deranges the

interests of business men, and will subject them

to great inconvenience. A petition was in circula

tion, last evening, asking the Company to revise

the time table.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has

decided that any person who sells fruit and veg

etables from a store or stand is liable as a prod

ucer, even though his annual sales, including

sales of all other merchandise, do not exceed

one thousand dollars, and without regard to

whether the fruit and vegetables are of his own

raising or not, unless he has actually paid special

tax as a dealer.

"In the name of the prophet, figs!" Fresh

figs, grapes and pulpy as when picked from the

branches at Charleston. Shank has stacks of

them, and they go off like—figs. Yesterday the

same enterprising dealer received 155 crates of

Maryland peaches by express, which were nearly

all disposed of last evening. This morning, at

9:30, he receives 250 crates of the same quality,

2,000 watermelons, and 2,000 pounds of choice

grapes. Well, won't there be a rush for them?

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.—The Rev. A. G.

Laurie, of Erie, will occupy the pulpit of the

Universalist church tomorrow morning and

evening. Mr. Laurie stands high as a pulp

itator, and many of our citizens will remember

having listened with pleasure to his lectures on

Scotland, delivered here a few years ago. The

announcement of his coming will doubtless be

adequate to call out a full house.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—There will be ser

### The City Finances

Admirable Morning Herald

The report of the City Treasurer—\$11,604.18—is

being the total expenditures of city from April

1st, 1899, to Sept. 1st—is undoubtedly correct as

far as his books show. A report from the City

Treasurer can never show the true state of the

city affairs unless every order and bond issued

by the city is paid.

The expenditures of the city from

April 1st, 1899, to Sept. 1st, is \$11,604.18.

Add orders issued last Council meet

ing, 1,036.63

Total expenditures \$12,640.81

Tax Paid.

REMARKS.—

The figures of "Tax Payer" are taken from the

order book of the City Clerk, and as indicating

the amount of orders issued since April 1st are

questionably correct. But it is not true that all

this expenditure has been incurred under the

present City Council. Deducted from this

amount should be the sum of \$3,500 appropri

ated by the retiring Board for the purchase of the

city lot on Spring street; the sum of \$2,500 ap

propriated to C. M. Allen for the settlement of

a borough account; and the additional sum of

\$150 to the City Clerk for the investigation of

said account. These deductions from the alleged

expenditures by the present Board, since April

1st (a period of five months), reduce the sum to

\$13,944, which is all that is properly chargeable

against the present City Administration. We fail

to discover any large item in the state of

facts, or this is not justifying the charges so

freely made against the present Council. It is

not true that the first of the fact that cer

tain public improvements in the

disposition of the general fund, and that the

people are anxious for their execution. There

may have been some improvident expenditure

upon certain streets, but why? The work

performed upon the city lot on Spring street

and the graveling to know that the

remains to be done the present year. The

introduction of street lamps and the

introduction of gas in compliance with a

numerous signed petition, representing many of the

taxpayers. The purchase of a steam fire

engine and for a lamp house on the

streets, may be considered a good investment

and the erection of an engine house upon the

city lot was indispensable to the protection of

city property, which would otherwise have

remained unimproved. The police department,

though never more efficient, is not more ex

pensive than formerly, and the fire department

never better equipped or more efficiently

managed.

It is alleged that the city debt is large and

taxes excessive. The city debt is less than

forty thousand dollars, and of this sum over one

third is upon the school property. Deducting the

valuation of city and school property, the

indebtedness scarcely exceeds \$10,000. If taxes

should be taken in account, that the assessed

valuation is extremely low, and we believe our

taxation for city purposes will not compare

favorably with that of other newly chartered

corporations, where public improvements are

considered indispensable to the material prog

ress, as well as the comfort and good rep

utation of the community. The population of

Titusville is steadily

increasing, and it is not in any way

prosperous future. There is not in any way

dwelling in the city, that could not be

renovated for \$25 per house above cost. There

are not a half dozen houses of 10 or 12

at any price. Every building lot in

the market is worth seventy per cent more

than a year ago. Two hundred thousand dollars

have been expended in the erection of stores

and dwellings during the present season. The

public spirit and liberality of our citizens is

provable, and the place is every year becoming

attractive to permanent residents. And this

is particularly due to its progressive policy.

There is certainly no town in the oil regions

whose system of public improvements is more

commendable and by reason of which the

community are more largely protected. Titusville

is certainly a blessing in disguise. Every

judiciously expended is a substantial

guaranty of permanence and success.

The True Story of Lady Byron's Life

Effectually Disproved

The Byron scandal is an ancient theme for

discussion at best, but it has been thrust upon

the press of the country by a distinguished

American author, and through the medium of the

leading literary journal, and cannot be ignored.

We have therefore no apology to make for the

publication of the remarkable article on our first

page in refutation of that "moral, terrible and

unnatural hallucination" which has awakened

in both countries so profound a sensation. The

letter is from the pen of George, the Count

Johannes, who was personally acquainted with

the Hon. Mrs. Leigh, the half sister of Lord

Byron, with the Hon. Leicester St. John, the

most intimate friend of the poet, and claims

to speak with authority upon the very point at

issue. Passing over some peculiarities of style,

it cannot be denied that he possesses consid

erable knowledge of that whereof he writes, and

makes some strong legal points for the dead

poet and his sister. The count gives us to un

derstand that the Stowe slander is of old date.

Heavers that from the lips of Hon. Mrs. An

quet Leigh, at her residence in St. James Place,

London, he personally received the

facts which he now reveals. It is

### unpleasant to his family and friends.

About a month ago he returned to the city after an

absence of twenty years on the Pacific coast.

He returned in destitute circumstances, having

been unfortunate in his speculations, and his

pecuniary situation seemed to prey upon his

mind, and some friends thought that he was

in a state of mental derangement, and that

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